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In re application of: Mikal E. Saltveit *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/964,992

Filed: September 26, 2001

For: Characterization of Phenylalanine
Ammonia-lyase (PAL) Gene in Wounded
Lettuce Tissue

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) PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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Sir:

This preliminary amendment is being submitted to correct clerical errors that appear in Figure 9 of the above indicated application and the corresponding Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification. This preliminary amendment is submitted on or before December 26, 2001, within three months from when the above-indicated application was filed. Reconsideration and examination are requested.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to make the following amendments.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the Specification

Page 5, line 1-2 have been amended to include SEQ ID NOs: 1 and 5 for the lsPAL1 amino acid sequence and the lettuce PAL amino acid sequence.

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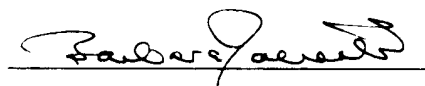
In the Drawings

Figure 9 has been amended to correct clerical mistakes in the amino acid sequence for lsPAL1.

Support for changes to lsPAL1 can be found in figure 6.
Applicant believes no new matter has been added by amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 10, 2001


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